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On the first day of July, 1837, the town of Pontiac of Livingston county, for the proprietors of the land of Young. It was surveyed from the southeast quarter

This was done in accordance with an agreement that the land would donate the public square, the jail lot, cost of \$3000 as security for the erection of a court house

This was the starting point, and then and there

The court house which the Weeds and Youngs completed in the year 1841 and occupied by the court

Tho' the building was but a modest affair, being one story and a half in height, and tho' much inferior to the satisfaction. It had a court room which was 22 by 24

It was the custom at that period for the lawyers to use this modest court house the great Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas in his youthful days, the memory of which long lingered in the town

This historical old building is now the property of the town, located two blocks east of the square.

The growth of the town and the development of the country supposed that because the land was so cheap by to settle in a more rolling country.

But time developed the fact that the level land of Pontiac was practically inexhaustible, and it soon became a problem to the state.

Then the tide of emigration turned and growth, and land which at one time could be

The city of Pontiac is now widely known in Illinois. It has three railroads, two coal mines and at this point it presents unrivaled attractions for the

The citizens pride themselves greatly on their three commodious public school buildings, that would do honor to any western college.

Those who desire to locate in a city where they cannot be accommodated in Pontiac. The Catholic church building is one of the finest in the West. The Methodist church building is one of the most substantial. The Presbyterian church edifice is an elegant congregation, while the Baptist have lately come to a gem to accommodate their growing membership of refined, educated membership. The Scandinavian Christians or Disciples of Christ, have a good church. They have a small organized society which for intellectual and moral advancement. The Colored Baptist both own houses of worship.

The Illinois State Reformatory (the penitentiary) is second in size in the Union. It annually spends \$100,000.

The business of the Pontiac Shoe Factory is now erecting another large factory which will employ 500 men.

There is no city in the state that can offer more advantages, or pleasant homes than the city of Pontiac.



NATIONAL BANK OF PONTIAC.



LIVINGSTON CO.



FROM TOWER OF TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL



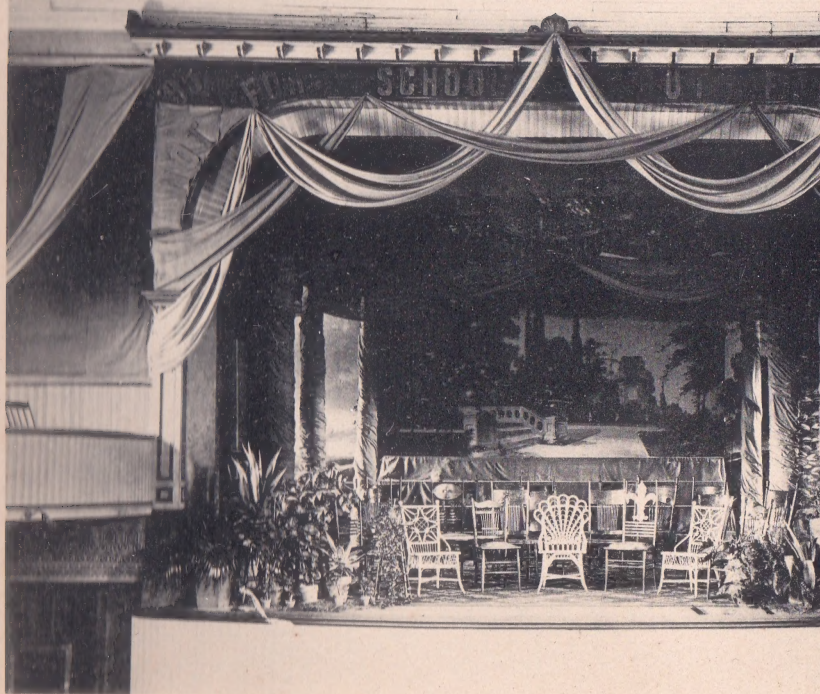
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.



ON THE RIVER, AT C. & A. R. R. BRIDGE.



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.



FOLKS' OPERA HOUSE. (STAGE.)



AT HOUDER'S FORD.



FIRST M. E. CHURCH.



MILL STREET.



UP THE VERMILLION, FROM WAGON BRIDGE.



E. P. Kelly.



E. P. Kelly.



Jos. Spiro.



J. W. Lee.



W. A. Webb.



S. A. Rathbun.



J. E. Moore.



SOME PONTIAC RESIDENCES.



ON THE RIVER AT CEMETERY.



PHOENIX HOTEL.



SOUTH-WEST FROM COURT HOUSE TOWER.



VIEW ON MADISON STREET.



C. E. Legg



W. H. Buren



M. C. Allen



H. S. McLean

GROUP OF RESIDENCES.



CEMETERY.



PONTIAC CEREAL MILLS.



COAL SHAFTS.



ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.



AT THE FAIR GROUNDS.



FIRE DEPARTMENT.



TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL.



PONTIAC PUBLIC SCHOOL.



PONTIAC SHOE FACTORY.



WATER WORKS.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PUBLIC LIBRARY.



STATE REFORMATORY, (CELL BLOCK.)



BELOW THE DAM.



STATE REFORMATORY.



VIEW ON GROVE STREET.



LIVINGSTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE.



WABASH R. R. BRIDGE.



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.



SCENE ON WASHINGTON STREET.



C. M. Dickinson.



Mrs. H. Greenbaum.



J. H. Smith.



Mrs. Ritz.



Geo. B. Gray.



St. Marys Parsonage.



W. H. Arnett.



IN CITY PARK.

